



## Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

### **2007-2008 Statewide Bicycle Helmet Distribution Program**

#### **Application Deadline: December 17, 2007**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of \$210,000 in federal funds for bicycle helmets to a maximum of 500 Massachusetts communities and organizations. The program aims to help reduce bicycle, skateboard, roller-blade, and scooter-related fatalities and injuries. Police and fire departments, schools, service and community groups, and public health organizations are invited to apply. Those serving populations under 75,000 will be eligible for 50 helmets; over 75,000 will be eligible for 150 helmets.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Highway Safety) or contact Darline Duncan, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3302 [Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us](mailto:Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us).

### **2007-2008 Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Equipment Grants**

#### **Application Deadline: December 17, 2007**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of \$400,000 in federal funds for communities and organizations to purchase child passenger safety seats and equipment for CPS checkpoints and fitting stations, especially those serving low-income and diverse populations. Communities and organizations are eligible if they have a certified CPS technician with a valid certification number or if a member of the department or organization has recently attended a 32-hour CPS technician class and is awaiting certification.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Highway Safety) or contact Darline Duncan, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3302 [Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us](mailto:Darline.Duncan@state.ma.us).

### **2007-2008 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Rolling Open Enrollment through August 2008**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of over \$3.6 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants beginning November 2007 through September 2008. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled “Click It or Ticket,” “Road Respect,” and “Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2008 upon successful completion of selected 2007-2008 enforcement mobilizations.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 [Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us](mailto:Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us).

## Other Funding Opportunities

### **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Subcontractors Program**

**Application Deadline: Varies by program (November 8, 15, 29, 2007)**

Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc, with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, seeks proposals to organize, implement, and evaluate programs that will either decrease the incidence of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) by implementing evidence-based programs to eliminate alcohol consumption by pregnant women or improve the functioning and quality of life of people with an FASD and their families. Eligible applicants include state agencies, juvenile or tribal courts, local government organizations, federally recognized tribes, and private non profit organizations.

For more information: <http://www.fasdcenter.com/index.php?q=home>.

### **Body Armor for Law Enforcement and Corrections Eligibility**

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to develop, test, evaluate, and demonstrate technologies in the area of soft body armor (armor with an areal density of 1.1 pounds per square foot or less).

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000809.pdf>.

### **Research and Development in the Area of Controlled Substances Detection and Analysis**

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding research and development of tools that can enhance the detection and analysis of controlled substances for criminal justice purposes.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000813.pdf>.

### **Biometric Technologies**

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding the development and evaluation of biometric technologies, or novel applications of biometric technologies, that will reduce crime, enhance law enforcement and corrections officers' ability to correctly identify cooperative and uncooperative individuals, and confirm the identity of individuals in the justice system.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000814.pdf>.

### **Personal Protective Equipment Eligibility**

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to research, develop, and demonstrate technologies that will enhance the safety of law enforcement officers and other criminal justice practitioners.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000811.pdf>.

### **Electronic Crime and Digital Evidence Recovery**

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to research, develop, and demonstrate emerging electronic crime-fighting and digital evidence recovery technology solutions for law enforcement agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000812.pdf>.

### **Information-Led Policing Research, Technology Development, Testing, and Evaluation**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding the research, development, testing, and evaluation of information and data technologies that can be used to increase the effectiveness of State and local law enforcement agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000807.pdf>.

### **Research and Development in the Forensic Analysis of Fire and Arson Evidence**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for research and development in the forensic analysis and investigation of fire scenes.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000806.pdf>.

### **Geospatial Technology Eligibility**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding research, development, testing, and evaluation initiatives that address the geospatial technology needs of State and local criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000805.pdf>.

### **Less Lethal Technologies**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for research and development leading to the adoption into practice of safer, more effective less lethal devices by law enforcement and corrections agencies. NIJ is interested in both development of such devices and in necessary underlying research leading to such development.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000810.pdf>.

### **Sensors and Surveillance Technologies**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding the research and development of sensor and surveillance technologies to address specific needs in the field of criminal justice.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000808.pdf>.

### **Research and Development in Forensic Anthropology and Forensic Odontology**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for research and development that can enhance the methods and tools utilized by forensic anthropologists and forensic odontologists to identify unknown decedents and the causes of their deaths.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000802.pdf>.

### **Forensic DNA Research and Development**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for research and development that can enhance the forensic uses of DNA technology. This solicitation focuses on technologies that result in faster, more robust, more informative, less costly, or less labor-intensive identification, collection, preservation, and/or analysis of DNA evidence collected from crime scenes.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000803.pdf>.

### **Communications Technology**

#### **Application Deadline: November 14, 2007**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding the research, development, testing, and evaluation of emerging communication technology solutions for criminal justice agencies.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000804.pdf>.

### **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program FY 2008 Competitive Grant Announcement**

#### **Application Deadline: December 13, 2007**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding under the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program. G.R.E.A.T. funds may be used to support one or more of the following G.R.E.A.T. curricula, components, and activities: 13-week middle school curriculum (a core, mandatory component); 6-week elementary (4th and 5th grades) curriculum; 6-lesson G.R.E.A.T. families component; or G.R.E.A.T. summer component. Applications may be submitted for any amount based on the level of the project, for a maximum award of \$150,000, and applicants are encouraged to request only the amount necessary to deliver the proposed program. Applicants are limited to state, local, or tribal jurisdictions or their respective law enforcement agencies, including school police, housing authority police, prosecution, probation, and parole agencies possessing the power of arrest.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08GREATsol.pdf>.

### **Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate and assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and nongovernmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

## **Research and Publications**

### **A Summary of Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force Activities during Federal Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Division of Research and Policy Analysis published this report which details activities of the Massachusetts multi-jurisdictional drug task forces over a two year period. Topics include: number of investigations, drug seizures and charges, weapons seizures and charges, currency seized and forfeited, other task force operations, and trends.

Access full text at: <http://www.mass.gov/eops/research>.

### **State Homeland Security Strategy**

The State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) was released on September 24, 2007 by the Massachusetts Governor's office. The document, which has been approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness, serves as the philosophical framework for all homeland security planning and activities occurring in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

For more information: [http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/helpus\\_helpyou/state\\_homeland\\_security\\_strategy\\_092307.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/helpus_helpyou/state_homeland_security_strategy_092307.pdf).

### **Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005**

This report, published by the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, presents findings from the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program, the largest data collection ever of arrest-related deaths. The report summarizes: all arrest-related deaths reported by State authorities in over 40 States over a three-year period. Topics include: cause of death and characteristics of the deceased; manner of death during an arrest; use of weapons or other behavior by the arrest subject; and use of weapons and restraint devices by officers involved in the arrest.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ardus05.pdf>.

### **Repaying Debts**

This report, prepared by the Reentry Policy Council and funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, details the various types of debt experienced by ex-offenders released from prisons and jails, specifically in regards to their victims, families, and criminal justice agencies. The report includes policy recommendations to help increase accountability among ex-offenders, improve rates of child support collection and victim restitution, and make the transition from prisons and jails to the community safe and successful.

Access full text at: [http://justicecenter.csg.org/files/RepayingDebts\\_Guide\\_final.pdf](http://justicecenter.csg.org/files/RepayingDebts_Guide_final.pdf).

### **Investigative Uses of Technology: Devices, Tools, and Techniques**

This National Institute of Justice special report discusses techniques and resources for investigating technology-related crime. The report details technology-related tools and devices that law enforcement may encounter, or find useful, during the course of an investigation and explains the legal implications of using such technology. Overviews of each device described in the report include their technological functions and value for investigators.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/213030.pdf>.

### **Police Lineups: Making Eyewitness Identification More Reliable**

The National Institute of Justice recently published this article which examines the results of a multi-site field experiment on eyewitness evidence. The goal of the experiment was to examine the effectiveness and accuracy of eyewitness identification. In addition, the report also discusses the current state of knowledge and practice on eyewitness identification.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/219603.pdf>.

### **Just for Youth: Advocating for Youth in the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS)**

The Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC) released this publication for advocates, providers, administrators, parents, legal guardians, and other caregivers of youth in the custody of DYS or at risk of entering DYS custody. Focusing mainly on the rights of DYS involved youth, the report explains the basic steps that a youth typically follows within the DYS system, from the point of arrest until discharge from DYS.

Access full text at: <http://www.mass.gov/mhlac/Justforyouthfinal.pdf>.



### **Sexual Assault: Virtual Training Takes Responders from Exam Room to Courtroom**

The National Institute of Justice recently published this article which discusses the state-of-the-art forensic examination training tool developed by Dartmouth Medical School and funded by NIJ and the Office on Violence Against Women. This tool, designed for use by health professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, and lab personnel, offers participants sexual assault forensic examination training in a virtual forensic facility. In the virtual facility, students can participate in various interactive sexual assault forensic examination training sessions with master practitioners and trainers.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/219603.pdf>.

### **Through-the Wall Surveillance: A New Technology for Saving Lives**

The National Institute of Justice recently published this article which details how through-the-wall surveillance technology assists officers in saving lives and staying out of danger. Officers are able to use the technology to differentiate between hostage and hostage taker, search for survivors following a building structure failure, conduct room-to-room searches, map the interior of buildings, and find military opponents and weapons bunkers.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/219603.pdf>.

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition 2007** **November 6-8, 2007 in San Francisco, CA**

Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's Science & Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Department of Defense, this conference provides a forum for the emergency responder community to discuss best practices, exchange information, and examine the technology and training tools currently available and being developed. The conference will bring together key leaders and decision makers and is expected to attract over 1,500 attendees.

For more information: <http://www.etc.org/webagenda07.htm>.

### **Combating Neighborhood Violence in Boston: Lessons from 2007**

#### **November 7, 2007 in Cambridge, MA**

Sponsored by the Kennedy School's Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, the Taubman Center for State and Local Government, and the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, this conference will focus on how policing in Boston has changed in the year since Edward Davis was appointed to be the city's police commissioner and the impact of such changes on the city's neighborhoods.

For more information: [www.ksg.harvard.edu/rappaport/events/b101.htm](http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/rappaport/events/b101.htm) or call 617-495-5091.

### **Crime and Justice: In the Global and in the Local**

#### **November 14-17, 2007 in Atlanta, GA**

Sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, the purpose of this conference is to provide criminal justice professionals with a forum to present research findings related to criminal justice topics, as well as new directions for policy and research. Special topics include: policing, victimization, race/ethnicity, social institutions, violence, and victimizations.

For more information: <http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>.

### **Comprehensive Drug Court Community Supervision Training**

**November 27-December 1, 2007 in Annapolis, MD**

Sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the focus of this training is motivational interventions. Participants will be trained in the latest drug testing technology and drug test interpretations and will learn effective case management techniques and how to integrate case planning. Eligible participants include police officers and sheriffs' deputies, probation officers, parole agents, and others conducting field service and monitoring.

For more information: [http://www.ndci.org/NDCI\\_Training\\_Catalog\\_2007.doc](http://www.ndci.org/NDCI_Training_Catalog_2007.doc).

### **Beginning a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART): Bringing Partners Together for a Cohesive Response**

**November 30, 2007 in Boston, MA**

Sponsored by the Donner Foundation through a grant to the Victim Right's Law Center, this training, the first of a two-part series, will focus on law enforcement response to sexual assault. Topics include raising awareness of the need for Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) in Massachusetts, describing and promoting best practices for law enforcement response, and explaining the integration of "Civil Legal Services" into the general SART response. Anyone who would be part of a SART team is encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Monica Orta at [morta@victimrights.org](mailto:morta@victimrights.org), (617) 399-6720.

### **radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education Instructor Training Program**

**December 3-5, 2007 in Sturbridge, MA**

Hosted by Sturbridge Police Department, the radKIDS Instructor Training Program is a 3-day certification course focusing on the radKIDS core curriculum. Participants receive information on teaching children and parents about school safety, home safety, out-and-about safety, vehicle safety, strangers and tricks, and personal safety. The radKIDS program is a national leader in children's safety education and provides a practical and realistic life skills safety program for children and parents.

For more information: contact the Sturbridge Police Department or go to [www.radKIDS.org](http://www.radKIDS.org).

### **2007 National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA)**

**December 9-14, 2007 in Linthicum Heights, MD**

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, the NVAA provides education and skill-based classroom trainings for professionals/providers/volunteers who work with victims and survivors of crime. The 2007 NVAA includes three tracks tailored to the various skill levels and needs of participants: foundation-level training; specialized training; and the leadership institute.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.org/nvaa2007/>.

## **News**

### **Chicopee Pushes Downtown Safety**

***The Republican*, October 2, 2007**

Chicopee city officials announced a new plan to increase safety in the downtown areas of the city, reports *The Republican*. Mayor Michael D. Bissonnette indicated that the plan calls for four additional police officers, specialized cameras, additional lighting, and specific police details focused on the downtown. While the Management Information Systems Department will coordinate installation of hardware, both the cameras and lighting will be paid for by Chicopee Electric Light.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/republican/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-11/119131386328860.xml&coll=1>.



### **Spike in Violence in Middle Schools Raises Concerns**

***The Boston Herald, October 2, 2007***

Educators and law enforcement agencies have become increasingly worried about the escalating violence occurring in suburban and rural middle schools in Massachusetts, reports *The Boston Globe*. During 2005 and 2006, these schools experienced 4,750 reports of violence including fights, sexual assault, robbery, and threats of violence. In response, district attorneys, police, and others have been calling for increased collaboration with educators; trainings for teachers and students regarding bullying, internet safety, and sexual harassment; and more police officers stationed in suburban middle schools.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/education/k\\_12/articles/2007/10/02/spike\\_in\\_violence\\_in\\_middle\\_schools\\_raises\\_concerns/](http://www.boston.com/news/education/k_12/articles/2007/10/02/spike_in_violence_in_middle_schools_raises_concerns/).

### **Campus Crimes Steady at UMass**

***The Republican, October 2, 2007***

According to the University of Massachusetts Annual Security Report 2007, crime statistics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus remained relatively stable in 2006, reports *The Republican*. While the number of alcohol-related arrests and forcible sex offenses went down, the number of drug arrests went up, which Police Chief Barbara R. O'Connor attributes to an increase in police officers. There were just two reported robberies and no reports of any murders or negligent manslaughters.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-11/1191311103165420.xml&coll=1>.

### **ICE Aims to Freeze Gangs**

***The Boston Herald, October 10, 2007***

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency is working with Boston police officers to target more than 300 of Boston's worst gang members for deportation, states *The Boston Herald*. Of those facing deportation, 204 are members of the notorious Central American gang MS-13, an organized crime syndicate who *The Boston Herald* previously spotlighted as a homeland security threat in 2005.

Access full text at: <http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1037086>.

### **DA Cracks Down on Gun Suspects**

***The Boston Globe, October 14, 2007***

Bristol County District Attorney C. Samuel Sutter has implemented a policy of holding "dangerousness hearings" in nearly all cases involving firearms, according to *The Boston Globe*. Police in New Bedford and Fall River attribute both the significant drop in gun violence and reports of gun violence to Sutter's aggressive legal strategy. Reports of shots fired have declined 45 percent through August, and the number of people injured by gunfire has also dropped. Defense lawyers have questioned the legality of using such a law outside of its intended use, but the legal challenges have so far been overruled by judges. The issue is expected to be reviewed by the Supreme Judicial Court.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/10/14/da\\_cracks\\_down\\_on\\_gun\\_suspects/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/10/14/da_cracks_down_on_gun_suspects/).

### **High Rate of Violence Seen in Teens' Lives**

***The Boston Globe, October 22, 2007***

According to *The Boston Globe*, a new public health report released by city officials highlights the concerning increase in exposure to violence faced by Boston city teenagers. The report, which details survey results from more than 1,200 students in 18 Boston public high schools in 2006, found that more than 40 percent of male high school students in Boston say they have carried a knife, one in five students has witnessed a shooting and does not feel safe in his or her neighborhood, and more than 40 percent of all high school students believe it would be easy to get a gun. The release of the report will launch a series of community meetings on teenage health.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/10/22/high\\_rate\\_of\\_violence\\_seen\\_in\\_teens\\_lives/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/10/22/high_rate_of_violence_seen_in_teens_lives/).

## **Announcements**

### **Administration Takes Fight Against Crime to Schools**

The Patrick Murray Administration recently released \$1.25 million through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to 20 schools and agencies across the Commonwealth that help fight violence and illegal drug use. Priority was given to programs and organizations offering violence prevention and intervention services, and those focusing on alcohol, tobacco, and drug use and other resources. The funding was provided by the Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools Act (SDFSCA) which supports Federal, State, school and community efforts and resources to foster safe and drug free learning environments.

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